GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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PROCUREMENT OF DRUGS
MAHBOOB ZAHEDI

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have suffered huge losses worth crores of rupees by buying drugs at an inflated price, violating all norms, for its Central Government Health Scheme dispensaries, Paramilitary Forces and even some State Governments;

(b) if so, whether the Government are procuring drugs at a rate of 500 per cent higher than that of prescribed rate;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) In view of (a) above, questions do not arise.